GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:64
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Export of Onions
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to allow the export of onions due to bumper production of onions in the current season;
(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
(c) the details of import-export of onion during the last three years and the current year, country-wise; and
(d) whether the Government proposes any change in the exportimport policy and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a)&(b) As per the Foreign Trade Policy of the Government, the export of onions is free. With effect from 26th August, 2016, the Department of Commerce has extended incentives @ 5% of the FOB value under the Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS).

(c) The details of export-import of onion during the last three years and the current year, country-wise (top-five) is given as under : -

Export
Qty in MT/ Value in Rs.Lakh

S. No.	2014-15		2015-16		2016-17		2017-18(UPTO MAY-17)*	
COUNTRY	QTY	VALUE	QTY	VALUE	QTY	VALUE	QTY	VALUE
1 BANGLADESH	456734	77964.61	422076	95014.38	847024	97611.19	51794	7539.33
2 MALAYSIA	215194	41621.67	270661	66894.92	400048	53707.63	68942	9474.53
3 U ARAB EMTS	131678	24793.53	169983	32793.52	304569	40279.68	64171	6992.22
4 SRI LANKA	131646	25839.13	212173	49759.66	218852	29784.95	41313	5080.86
5 NEPAL	75432	14044.52	81147	19664.38	128499	15821.58	20334	2150.43
6 Others	232477	45973.62	269240	59699.28	566925	83511.12	124394	14386.05
Total	1243161	230237.08	1425280	323826.14	2465917	320716.15	370948	45623.42

Source: DGCI&S/ * Provisional

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Import
Qty in MT/ Value in Rs.Lakh

S.No.	2014-15		2015-16		2016-17		2017-18(UPTO MAY'17)	
COUNTRY	QTY	VALUE	QTY	VALUE	QTY	VALUE	QTY	VALUE
1 AFGHANISTAN	237	29.94	52961	10883.46	86.83	21.33	-	-
2 BANGLADESH	-	-	41048	16085.77	-	-	-	-
3 CHINA P RP	576	124.29	29982	8022.73	-	-	-	-
4 EGYPT A RP	-	-	1596	370.95	-	-	-	-
5 IRAN	-	-	1501	408.46	-	-	-	-
OTHERS	-	-	1283	427.10	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	812.93	154.23	128371.361	36198.47	86.83	21.33	-	-

Source: DGCI&S/ * Provisional

(d) No, Madam. The Government does not propose any change in the export-import policy of the onions.
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